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## Bahrain wants U.S. Navy out

KUWAIT, March 11, (AFP). — Bahrain will soon stop providing facilities for the U.S. Navy.

"We do not want to be dragged into international conflicts, Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa said in an interview with the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Qabas.

A small U.S. Navy flotilla has been using the facilities of the former British naval base at Al Jafir since 1972.

## to coming to Algiers

March 11, (R). — Cuban Premier will begin a "friendly working visit" to Algeria Friday, the official Algerian press (APS) reported today.

Castro, who arrived in Bulgaria and an official visit to Algeria in water attended a summit meeting of countries there. Algerian President Houari Boumedienne paid an official visit to Cuba, 1974.

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## Hussein holds political, economic talks with Japanese



Y.S. — King Hussein returns a smile as Japanese Minister Takeo Miki gestures during their meeting at the Minister's official residence in Tokyo Thursday.

Amman, March 11 (Agencies). — King Hussein spent the last day of his Japanese visit in Tokyo, where he held a series of talks with Japanese officials. The King said that a great market is developing in the Middle East, and that Jordan's role as a gateway to a world with goods to sell and a world with money to buy, is becoming clearer. He mentioned that Jordan, with its political stability and a trained workforce, has been raised in the tradition of liberal free enterprise. He said that Jordan welcomes Japanese businessmen as individual or corporate investors, as independent businessmen or as partners with Jordanians who are eager to share their knowledge of local markets, and to gain from Jordan's economic growth. (Continued on page 6)

## Franjeh refuses to bow down

# Army officers' coup in Lebanon

BEIRUT, March 11, (AFP). — "agreements reached between the Lebanese authorities and the Palestinian forces." The commander of the Beirut military region, General Aziz Al Ahdab, tonight declared himself "provisional military governor" of Lebanon and announced a state of emergency. General Ahdab insisted however that he did not wish to take power himself.

Speaking on television, Gen. Ahdab called on parliament to elect a new president to replace Suleiman Franjeh within seven days. He said the new president should immediately appoint a new government in place of that led by Rashid Karami.

Wearing full-dress uniform, the general said that if Mr. Karami and Mr. Franjeh did not stand down within 24 hours "they will be regarded as having resigned."

President Suleiman Franjeh, however replied to the challenge tonight by saying: "We remain to defend legality, even at the cost of our lives."

In a statement to journalists at his Beirut suburban Baabda Palace, the president added: "Our national duty requires us to stand up to all the campaigns aimed at dismembering Lebanon."

In his televised speech Gen. Ahdab said he fully supported Syria's fraternal initiative to help the country (Lebanon) out of its catastrophic crisis.

He also declared his belief in

## Wilson wins vote of confidence

LONDON, March 11, (AFP). — The Labour Party Government of British Prime Minister Harold Wilson won a vote of confidence in the House of Commons here tonight with a 17-vote majority.

Mr Wilson sought the vote of confidence following the government's defeat Wednesday in a vote on planned economic measures for the period from now till 1980 which would involve heavy cuts in public spending. A revolt by Labour left-wingers provoked the defeat.

Mr Wilson had earlier appealed to the rebellious left wing of his embattled Labour Party to return to the fold for the parliamentary vote of confidence.

## Rhodesia seizes Mozambique assets

SALISBURY, March 12 (AFP). — All Mozambique assets and finances in Rhodesia have been seized by the Rhodesian Treasury, a government statement said today.

"Following the action by the Mozambique government to close the border between Rhodesia and Mozambique, and in order to protect Rhodesian interests, it has been decided to make provision for moneys in Rhodesia which are due to, or held for the account of the government of Mozambique, banks and certain corporate bodies operating in Mozambique, to be placed in the custody of the government," the statement said.

In another related development, constitutional talks lasting two-and-a-half hours were

NABLUS, Occupied West Bank, March 11, (Agencies). — Arab youths clashed with Israeli troops today on the Israeli-occupied West Bank as several more mayors and their councils resigned in protest against Israeli brutality.

With councils now having resigned in Nablus, Ramallah, Bira and Beir Zeit Arab leaders here doubted whether next month's local elections on the West Bank, which Israel occupied during the June war of 1967 would be held as planned.

Reporters saw steel-helmeted Israeli soldiers drag youths from their homes in the small town of Anabta and beat them with batons after the youngsters blocked the road with boulders and started fires.

Residents told a Reuters news agency reporter that some youths were arrested and that several people were injured, some of them inside their homes. Schools in Nablus, Ramallah, Jericho, Bira and Beir Zeit were on strike today.

The Mayor of Nablus, Mr Mazouz Al Masri, a leading opponent of Israeli rule, told Reuters in an interview he had made several demands to the Israeli administration, including an end to violence against student demonstrators, and it would depend on the Israeli reaction whether or not he stood for re-election.

"We don't know whether there will be any elections at all in these circumstances," he said.

Arab refusal to take part in the elections would be a blow to the Israeli authorities.

It seemed clear from talks with West Bank residents today that the elections, if held as planned, would take place in a wave of anger following repeated clashes between Israeli troops and demonstrators in recent weeks.

THE ARAB ARMY. — Picture shows Lebanese Arab Army civilian supporters at the captured garrison of Araman with tanks taken from the Lebanese army in Tripoli Wednesday. Police said one attacker and three defenders were killed when the garrison fell. (AP wirephoto).

ident officers that Christians were privileged in the armed forces.

A brief but heavy exchange of gunfire broke out in front of the Information Ministry where Lebanese Radio headquarters is located shortly after Gen. Ahdab's telecast ended.

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## More West Bank demonstrations, resignations appear to seal fate of scheduled elections

Mr Masri resigned yesterday after returning from a visit to Cairo. Interviewed after a meeting with the Israeli military governor he said he had made five main demands to the Israeli authorities.

These were: end prayer services by Jews at Al-Aksa Mosque in Jerusalem the third holiest place in Islam—end Jewish settlements on the West Bank—stop confiscating Arab lands—stop Israeli troops entering Arab schools—and quash fines and prison terms already imposed on Arab demonstrators.

Mr Masri said neither he nor the town council would withdraw their resignations or stand for office next month unless these demands were met.

The Deputy Mayor, Mr Adel Al diers entered the Kadri Toukan ing girls were injured here earlier this week.

The Israelis claim their soldiers entered the Kadri Toukan

high school only after being provoked and attacked with stones.

Mr Masri said Israel's "bad treatment" of residents had reached a climax in recent days. "We will not stop asking for an end to this occupation."

He said, "We don't want wars, we just want our lands, peace and justice."

The mayor said the only future for the West Bank was as an independent Palestinian state. Asked if he believed such a state would live along with Israel in peace, he said: "If we get our rights, why should there be trouble?"

Asked what the PLO's role would be, Mr Masri said it was the sole representative of the Palestinian people and internationally recognised as such.

If an independent Palestinian state were created on the West Bank "PLO elements will become active and industrious elements in the state," he said.

The radio was now controlled by supporters of Gen. Ahdab, a well-informed source said.

Gen. Ahdab's demand for the president and premier to resign came as the January 22 ceasefire agreement seemed on the verge of collapse seven weeks after it suspended hostilities in Lebanon's civil war.

Fighting broke out between Moslems and Christians early today in the northern city of Tripoli, bursts of machinegun fire were heard in the capital, and the "Army of Arab Lebanon" took over three garrisons from loyalist soldiers.

Premier Karami already hinted he threatened to resign earlier today because of hesitation at accepting his proposals for averting the "certain shipwreck" of Lebanon.

Gen. Ahdab, 60, a Sunni Moslem, had no difficulty taking over the television station, witnesses said.

He appeared at the station in Western Beirut with a few dozen soldiers and tanks. His men quickly took control of the building's exists without any difficulty.

Gen. Ahdab asked station staff to let him appear on television, and did so immediately.

The radio station in the interior ministry was seized by his soldiers 40 minutes later in a brief gunbattle. Ten minutes later, the radio broadcast the text of his television speech.

Messages of support for Gen. Ahdab from Christian and Moslem army officers were then read in radio and TV broadcasts.

It was not clear, however how much support General Ahdab commanded. The president (Continued on page 6)

## Spain's opposition fears right-wing army backlash

MADRID, March 11, (R). — The Spanish opposition today called for faster reforms following street clashes between riot police and demonstrators which have cost seven lives in two weeks.

A joint statement by the Madrid committees of Spain's two major opposition groups — the communist-led Democratic Junta and the socialist-dominated Democratic Platform — said:

"The permanent cause of the serious problems occurring in our country is the absence of democratic channels." The statement called for democratic rights to be granted immediately and guaranteed by the government.

Interior Minister Manuel Fraga and Foreign Minister Jose Maria de Areilza, the government's leading reformists, urgently conferred with King Juan Carlos last night.

The urgency of the talks was underlined when the ministers skipped a meeting of an important 18 man commission drawing up constitutional changes.

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YOUTHFUL RESISTANCE. — Young Arabs hurl rocks at Israeli soldiers during repeated clashes in the occupied West Bank on Thursday. (AP wirephoto).



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## Act of regression

It is noteworthy that Golda Meir has decided to resume a prominent role in Israeli politics at a time when the Arab lands Israel occupies are maintaining their high pitch of protest and resistance.

Fifty years ago, when Golda Meir first went to Palestine, she and her Zionist settler colleagues could write back home and dupe the rest of the world with stories about how Palestine was a barren piece of land waiting for someone like her collection of Zionist settler-colonialists to fill it with citrus trees. Back then, those kinds of stories were swallowed hook, line and sinker.

Today, there is a different reality in Palestine.

The Israeli state has existed and expanded since 1948 because of the work of people like Golda Meir. The state has taken more Arab land and expelled more Palestinians and in turn has increasingly fostered a more dynamic and more determined nationalism among all Palestinians, whether inside or outside of Palestine.

The protests on the West Bank are part of this reality, as are the daily charges by helmeted, shield-carrying machine-gun-laden Israeli army soldiers against rag-tag groups of Arab teenagers whose only weapon is the determination of their nationalistic aspirations.

Another part of the new reality in Palestine is that the Israeli state is finding out that time is against it. Particularly since the 1967 war, the Israeli state has been forced to define its place in history and its borders in the Middle East. It has been unable to do either.

To bring someone like Golda Meir back into the thick of Israeli politics is a confirmation of the basic drift character of the state. Israel is not so much a ship without a master, but a ship without direction and without a clear destination.

Today, Mrs. Meir cannot write back home and dupe the world with folkloric tales of Zionist dreams in Palestine. The people back home and throughout the world can turn on their television news every evening and watch the Israeli soldiers do their deeds in the West Bank. To have someone like Golda Meir back in a position where she can direct those soldiers is an act of stupendous regression for any Jews in Palestine who seek to work out a modus vivendi with the Palestinian Arabs.

Golda Meir has been personally involved with the Zionist-Palestinian confrontation in Palestine for over half a decade, and she, better perhaps than anyone else alive today, personifies the ultimate directionlessness of the Zionist psyche. It is not at all strange that when Israel is losing immigrants, deteriorating economically, facing more active resistance on the West Bank, finding itself totally isolated internationally and now even lashing out at its guardians in Washington, it turns to someone like Golda Meir for help — when all along it was people like Golda Meir who brought Israel to its pathetic state today.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Hailing the anti-Israeli popular upsurge in the occupied areas, Al Rai said Thursday the Nablus district uprising explains a number of concepts. Among these is that resistance springs from the eternal relationship between man, earth and belief, regardless of the element of time...

"Those in the streets of Nablus, Tulkarem and elsewhere reject aggression against religious belief in Jerusalem as much as Arabs in Galilee reject the sequestration of their land," the paper points out.

The paper advocates the collectivisation of the spirit of resistance. No section of the people should look on and clap their hands while others fight... the world, says the paper, has witnessed unique specimens of resistance, in which boys and girls, men and women, old-fashioned and modern have rejected and fought tyranny.

Under the headline "Long Live Our People" Al Shaab outlined that Israel has withdrawn part of its troops from the front lines with the Arab countries to quell the uprising in the West Bank towns and villages. This situation, the paper says, arouses two ambivalent emotions—pride of the revolt by an unarmed people against occupation and expansionism, and bitterness at seeing them fighting the enemy singlehandedly, while the world conscience se-

ems to be sinking in a trance, and the Arab homeland suffers contradictions and differences that vitiate the minimum solidarity needed in such fateful circumstances.

Al Shaab suggests that the Israelis could not have pulled back portions of their troops from the confrontation lines had they discerned any kind of danger or threat. The ordinary Arab citizen yearns to share the fighters' struggle against tyranny and aggression. "We would like to remind the onlookers of their national right, from which their future generations would not absolve them," the paper concluded.

Ad Dustour hopes that the ordeal which Lebanon has just passed through should serve as a moral for the Lebanese army not to split up and precipitate a new tragedy. It is clear, the paper says, that what is now happening within ranks of the Lebanese army represents a dubious phenomenon aimed—as Prime Minister Rashid Karami said—to divide the army, preliminary to dividing Lebanon itself. It is noteworthy that Israeli sources started to foist allegations about possible encroachments against Israel by the military rebels who seized some barracks in South Lebanon... Such allegations tend to conform with the well-known Israeli tactics to justify any aggression they are preparing to launch.



TOKYO TOAST. — King Hussein and Emperor Hirohito of Japan toast each other during a state banquet in Tokyo Wednesday night as Queen Aya and Empress Nagako look on.

## Jordan attends Arab League pre-summit conference

AMMAN. — The Jordanian delegation to the meetings of the Arab League Council, to be held in Cairo at foreign ministerial level on March 15, left here Thursday morning. The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mr Hassan Ibrahim, head of the delegation, said that the meetings will discuss the place and date of the coming Arab Summit Conference as well as that of the Afro-Arab Summit Conference and the Afro-Arab Foreign Ministers meeting.

The Euro-Arab dialogue, and

Afro-Arab relations and related achievements will be reviewed. Mr Ibrahim said that during his stay in Egypt he will conduct sidetalks with his Arab counterparts to plan for the coming period in the Arab struggle.

The Jordanian delegation was seen off at the airport by the Secretary of The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr Fawwaz Abdul Ghanam, Dr. Nasser Batayneh, Director of the Political Department, and Director of Protocol Mr Zaki Qisus as well as several high ranking officials.



Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim (left on sofa) is interviewed at Amman Airport before his departure Thursday for Cairo, where he will represent Jordan at the meetings of the Arab League Council. (Photo JNA).

## NATIONAL BRIEFS

● AMMAN. — The Minister of Labour, Issam Ajlouni, received Thursday the British Ambassador to Jordan and the British First Secretary.

● AQABA. — The Minister of Finance, Salem Massa'deh, Thursday paid an inspection tour to the Aqaba customs post and several Ministry of Finance branches there.

● AMMAN. — A large quantity of imported Bulgarian eggs has arrived here. Ministry of Supply sources said Thursday. These eggs fulfill the requirements of the Ministry as to their freshness, the sources added.

● AMMAN. — Specialised co-

operative societies will be established to distribute fodder to their members, at minimum cost, in order to combat drought, a Cooperatives Society official reported Thursday. These societies will also work to obtain exemptions for the purchase of vehicles to transport cattle.

## Furnished Apartment

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Television	
10.00 Quran	CHANNEL 3 :
10.10 Islamic figures	19.15 Religious programme
10.30 Valley of the Dinosaurs	20.40 Arabic series
10.45 Science for children	21.30 Special development programme
11.15 Three stooges	CHANNEL 6 :
11.30 Arabic series	19.30 News in Hebrew
12.00 Big valley	19.45 Varieties
12.45 Arabic series	20.30 Sandy Duncan show
17.00 Programme review	21.00 Living tomorrow
17.05 Cartoons	21.10 Family at war
17.30 Soccer match	22.00 News in English
19.00 Religious songs	22.15 Mystery Movie (McCoy on both channels)
20.00 News in Arabic	

## Amman Airport

DEPARTURES :	
6.50 Aqaba	22.55 Doha, Muscat
7.20 Beirut	ARRIVALS :
8.45 Beirut (M.E.A.)	8.30 Aqaba
10.15 Kuwait (K.A.C.)	9.30 Kuwait (K.A.C.)
11.00 Cairo	9.50 Beirut
11.30 Cairo (E.A.)	10.30 Cairo (E.A.)
19.00 Kuwait, Dhahran	16.30 Paris
19.30 Dubai, Karachi	17.00 Cairo
20.30 Teheran	17.20 Copenhagen, Frankfurt
	18.30 Beirut (M.E.A.)

## Jordan celebrates Prophet's birthday

AMMAN. — Jordan, the Arab countries and the Islamic World will celebrate Saturday 12 Rabi'e, year 1396 of the Heggire calendar, the birthday of the Prophet Mohamad. On this occasion several religious ceremonies will be held throughout the kingdom. All public and private services will be closed in honour of the occasion.

## Syrian receives education medal

RAMTHA. — The Syrian Minister of Education Dr. Shaker Fahham arrived here Thursday morning to receive the Medal of Education which His Highness Crown Prince Hassan bestowed upon him at the special celebration held at the Palace of Culture at Al Hussein Youth City on the occasion of Teachers' Day. He was received at the Ramtha border post by the Governor of Irbid and several high ranking officials.

## New measures lift number of firms registered to 4413

AMMAN. — The number of companies registered and operating in Jordan, at the end of January, reached 4413, with a total capital of JD 160.4 million, sources at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce said Thursday. This increase, the sources added, is the result of various measures adopted by the government to attract Arab and foreign capital investments.

## Crown Prince Hassan honors educators on Teachers' Day

AMMAN. — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan sponsored Thursday a celebration at the Palace of Culture at Al Hussein Youth City on the occasion of Teachers' Day. He bestowed Medals of Education upon several teachers in recognition of their services in the field of Education.

In a speech which he delivered on the occasion Crown Prince Hassan said that, following His Majesty's directives, the government has decided to build 1700 housing units, as part of the Teachers' Housing Project, besides setting up a Teachers Housing Fund at the Housing Bank, and building housing units for teachers in the remote areas of the kingdom.

He praised the steadfastness of the West Bankers and the role which the teachers in that part are playing to instill national values in their Arab pupils. He also commended the efforts of the Ministry of Education which is striving to enable the Jordanian woman to shoulder the same responsibilities as her male companion in various fields.

Similar celebrations were held in the various governorates and districts during which the role of the teacher was emphasised and praised.



H.R.H. Crown Prince Hassan presented the medals during the celebrations held Thursday at Al Hussein Youth City on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

## Study of land trade prices to be conducted

AMMAN. — Questionnaires for group of experts including Dr. Tayseer Abdul Jaber, from the U.N. Economic Committee for the West Asia (UNECWA), and Mr. Mohammad Abdul Hadi from the Jordanian Scientific Research Council.

## Topographical survey to be conducted for Yarmouk University

AMMAN. — The Ministry of the Interior for Municipal and Rural Affairs starts Monday a topographical survey for the lands surrounding the Yarmouk University to implement the necessary urban organisation of that region. The survey, which will cover an area of approximately 60,000 dunums, will last 12 days.

## Lebanese firm set to open new bakery

AMMAN. — A Lebanese company specialising in local bread made known its wish to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce Thursday to establish a bakery here producing one ton of local bread per hour which would cover the needs of the country. In its offer the company also expressed its willingness to transform a recently established bakery from the production of speciality breads which have not been so well accepted, into production of standard, moderately priced breads.

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## Market Price

Lemon 70—100	Garlic (Dry) 60—80
Hot Pepper 450—550	Lettuce (Large) 60—80
Horse Beans 120—160	Lettuce (Small) 30—50
Marrow (Small) 160—210	Tangerines 70—90
Marrow (Large) 80—120	Tomatoes 65—85
Oranges (Local) 80—120	
Onions (Dry) 220—290	
Potatoes (Egyptian) 80—110	
Potatoes (Local) 90—120	
Peas 160—210	
Spinach 50—70	
String Beans 240—320	
Apples (Golden) 140—180	
Apples (Starken) 140—180	
Apples (Double Red) 200—250	
Bananas 150—190	
Cabbage 60—85	
Cauliflower (Local) 70—100	
Carrots (Yellow) 45—60	
Carrots (Black) 45—60	
Cucumbers (Large) 140—180	
Cucumbers (Small) 220—280	
Eggplant 120—170	
Grapefruit 50—65	
Green Walnut 360—480	

## Tonight's Emergencies

DOCTORS :  
Dr. George Sayegh (21379)  
Dr. Habib Iskandar (38680)

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Bushnaq (30955)  
Nassar (21791)

TAXIS :  
Hamra (44833)  
Nahda (37882)  
University (61001)



## ILO survey shows men, women worst hit by unemployment

March 11, (AFP). Unemployment among workers and first-job seekers has reached levels as well as women were the most seriously affected by unemployment in most countries. In North America and Japan, the trend was worsening ILO Labour Office said.

The ILO survey said there were at present seven million unemployed aged less than 25 in the 23 countries.

They accounted for 41 per cent of the jobless, although this age bracket represented only 22 per cent of the total labour force.

The report said that total unemployment rose by 4.7 million last year. Of them 1.7 million were young workers.

The report said women accounted for another seven million or 40 per cent of the total number of unemployed although they represented no more than 35 per cent of the labour force.

The average unemployment rate among male workers was 4.9 per cent, while it was 6.1 per cent for women, ILO said.

It stressed that the inequality differed sharply from country to country. In North America the jobless rate was 8.6 per cent for women and 6.9 per cent for men. In Western Europe it was 6.9 per cent against 4.4 per cent.

The PLO will be represented in Warsaw by Fuad Yassin, the reports said.

During his visit here ending March 10, Mr. Qaddumi had talks with Polish Foreign Minister Stefan Olszowski and Polish Communist party General Secretary Ryszard Frelek.

In a related development, the Japanese Red Army, the guerrilla group, has issued a statement in Damascus welcoming last Monday's announcement that the Palestine Liberation Organisation is to open an office in Tokyo.

Mr. Simon, who arrived from Rome also denied that the United States was practising a protectionist policy. Investigations into any dumping by other countries were merely the result of stricter terms in the U.S. trade act.

Mr. Friderichs also reiterated that the mark should not be revalued.

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MOVING FORWARD. — Former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, current contender for the U.S. Democratic presidential nomination, smiles upon his arrival at O'Hare airport in Chicago Wednesday after winning Florida's Democratic presidential primary. (AP wirephoto).

## Italian press blasts Simon's statements

ROME, March 11 (AFP). — The Italian press today criticised the recently-concluded three-day visit of United States Treasury Secretary William Simon, accusing the U.S. of interference in Italian affairs.

The centre left newspaper, La Stampa, said the visit had a political motive and should be seen in the framework of the U.S. administration's attitude "to the possible arrival of communists in government."

American aid had not been explicitly related to the exclusion of communists from government, but Mr. Simon had reaffirmed that communist participation in government would require a "review" of U.S.-Italian relations, it said.

The interview was recorded for broadcasting tonight, but the text of Mr. Wilson's statement was released at mid-day.

The prime minister said he felt his conservative predecessor, Mr. Edward Heath, had been right in putting the pound on a floating exchange rate.

It was inevitable that the sterling rate changed from date to date, Mr. Wilson also said.

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## China analysts herald new turn in anti-"capitalist roaders" campaign

PEKING, March 11, (AFP). The present political crisis appears a "bold" but extremely disciplined mobilisation of the masses, and under the authority of the party committees at different levels.

A key editorial published yesterday by the People's Daily newspaper and authorised by Chairman Mao Tse-tung devotes its text to informing the whole of the country of the top-level decisions on the orientation to give to the "anti-rightists" movement which is at present sweeping China.

At the same time, two new instructions of Chairman Mao were published, both of which indirectly condemned Mr Teng whose chances of emerging unscathed from the present crisis now seem almost non-existent.

The course fixed by the editorialist—and thus by the party—for the development of the movement is an extension of the current campaign against "capitalist roaders" but under the strict control of the authorities and without disorder and violence.

Industrial and agricultural production, in particular, will not have to suffer at all.

In short, the risks of a new "cultural revolution" breaking out now appear very slim.

The possibility that the publication of the editorial was preceded by a summit meeting of the party leaders—probably at enlarged Politburo level, according to several experts—is strongly suggested by the peremptory and categorical tone of the text.

The editorialist even states genuine orders: "Do not establish ties" (with different units) and "do not organize fighting groups," (as during the cultural revolution).

Another passage of the editorial suggests also that the decisions and measures were adopted recently at the summit.

This is the passage in which the author says that the leaders who are "capitalist roaders" who made the right deviationist attempts are now "completely isolated."

A final last fact which appears to reflect an agreement, or rather an "arrangement" made recently, is the absence in yesterday's editorial of any reference to a "split" in the leadership's organs.

All important official texts published up to now on the political crisis in China have noted a "split" caused by the Teng Hsiao-ping tendency.

It thus seems that the present campaign is aimed at developing and spreading over the whole territory, and causing—to use one of the editorialist's terms—a "bold" but extremely disciplined mobilisation of the masses, and under the authority of the party committees at different levels.

If a head is to fall, it will, in all likelihood, be that of Mr Teng who, scarcely more than a month ago, seemed certain to succeed Premier Chou En-lai.

The other "rightist" leaders who have followed the "mistaken" course of Mr Teng and whom the editorialist said were "a small number" seem to have some chance of being forgiven if they show without undue delay sufficient repentance.

In a related development, further details emerged today to explain the attack on Teng. New China News Agency said today that the "capitalist-road"ers in the party have installed in important positions men of their own team, while thwarting cadres of Chairman Mao Tse-tung's camp.

This was disclosed in the first comprehensive report of China's political campaign given by the foreign English-language service of the agency.

It said that the party renegades used the call to promote unity and stability to quell disension against their "activities to restore capitalism."

"Using various pretexts, they thwarted, spurned and attacked new and veteran cadres who persevere in following Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, and installed in important positions those who oppose the great Cultural Revolution," the agency said.

The center of the campaign revolved round the 1966-69 Cultural Revolution, it added. Those who were for it were followers of Chairman Mao while those opposing it wanted to revert to the days before the Cultural Revolution, which brought radical changes to the education system, the arts and other fields.

The "capitalist-roader in the party who refuses to mend his ways insidiously distorted Chairman Mao's directives" and raised a "reactionary programme" which negates the class struggle by putting it on a par with promoting stability and unity and the economy, the agency said.

After giving an account of events since the start of the campaign, the agency said, "At present, an excellent situation is prevailing in the whole of China as the struggle develops in depth."

## resistance solid victory

11 (AFP). — Israelis were killed in a three-hour Palestinian Resistance Forces (P.F.) attack on Israeli forces Wednesday.

Jordanian daily Al-Dustour reported

paper said the P.F. placed explosives between Nablus leading to the Israeli's camp at using grenades they attacked a convoy heading for Nablus.

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## U.S. firms' investments decline further this year

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (AFP). — Company investment already down more than 10 per cent last year in real terms, is likely to decline further this year, the Department of Commerce said.

A survey by the Department showed that investment of this kind rose a mere 0.3 per cent in value to \$112.800 million in 1975. The rise should be seen

in the light of a 12 to 14 per cent increase in the cost of capital equipment. During 1976, companies expect to invest 6.5 per cent more at \$120.100 million. But the increase will be smaller than the rise in prices, which is expected to be around 10 per cent.

This year's spending will consequently be down by 3.5 per cent in real terms, the Department forecast.

The processing sector, which raised spending 4.2 per cent last year would record another rise of eight per cent in 1976.

Main increases would be: food industry 20 per cent, textiles 15 per cent, paper 13 per cent, tires 12 per cent, oil industry 11 per cent.

In the durables sector, motors would go up 17 per cent and engineering 13 per cent. Primary metallurgy and aeronautics would lower their investment.

For non-manufactures, investment should rise 5.2 per cent with electricity and gas the only sectors with big rise, the combined figure being 15 per cent.

Aviation, railroads and other sectors would reduce spending.

## Comecon trade with the third world assessed

BERLIN, Mar. 11, (AFP). — Trade between countries in Comecon, the East European Community, and the third world is unlikely to grow markedly the West German economics institute DIW said in a report here.

This category of trade is mainly covered under long-term bilateral deals, and it is based on complementary production. But this is an obstacle to multilateral payment arrangements, the DIW said.

According to Western estimates Comecon countries granted equipment credit lines of about \$ 1,000 million in 1974, and repayment is partly in the form of products made by the plants set up.

DIW also suggested that communist countries' industrial projects in the third world were often too small to be efficient or used technology that did not suit local conditions.

Comecon-third world commerce has fluctuated appreciably in recent years, partly due to rises in commodity prices. This trade is about seven per cent of the east block commerce, and is 16 per cent of Soviet imports and 21 per cent of Soviet exports, DIW said citing 1974 figures.

The third world trade mainly concerned the Middle East, India, Algeria and Cuba which is in Comecon but excluded from the DIW survey.

The institute further noted that the Comecon-third world trade had a "north-south" structure: finished and semi-finished goods in return for farm produce and commodities.

## EEC experts predict general economic recovery

BRUSSELS, March 11 (AFP). — The EEC commission today predicted a general economic recovery in the European Economic Community but reiterated its warning that a new bout of inflation might be around the corner.

It foresaw faster growth in West Germany in the next several months, continued steady recovery in France but only a slow picking up of economic activity in Italy.

The commission's experts cautioned Britain against adopting any significant measures to stimulate growth because of the size of its payments deficit, the continued high rate of inflation, which remained a cause of concern, and the scope of public financing needs. The experts recognised however that unemployment was heavy and



**CRUISE MISSILE.** — The first Cruise missile under development for launching from the air undergoes electronic checkout at the Boeing plant in Seattle, prior to its test launch on Wednesday. The subsonic weapon is designed to penetrate enemy defenses by flying at very low altitudes using terrain comparison guidance systems. A B-52 bomber might carry 12 of the weapons on its wings and eight internally: the new B-1 might carry 24, all internally. The U.S. Navy is also developing a sea-launched version.

## Chile seeks \$100m credit from China

PEKING, March 11 (AFP). — Chile will shortly begin negotiations with People's China over the granting by Peking of credits worth around \$100 million to the Latin American country to buy Chinese products, a well-informed South American source said here today.

Chile's ambassador to Peking, Hernan Hiriart Laval, is at present in Santiago to pave the way for the negotiations, which will take place entirely in Chile, the sources said.

They would enable the reac-

tivation of Chinese credits worth \$57 million, utilisable over five years, which were extended by Peking to the Marxist government of President Salvador Allende in July 1971. Between then and the Chilean rightist coup in September 1973, only \$5 million was used. Given the impossibility of using up the remaining 52 million dollars between now and July, the source declared, the Chilean government would like Peking to renew the preceding accord, but on a new basis of \$100 million.

The Santiago talks could also result in the drawing up of a list of products that Chile could buy from China.

Following the 1973 military coup in Chile, while the Soviet union broke off its links with Santiago the Chinese government withdrew the credentials of the pro-Allende ambassador here and gave de facto recognition to the new ruling junta.

At the same time, the junta turned down advances made by envoys from Taiwan, preferring to maintain the relations established by the previous regime with People's China.

Chile sells copper and salt to

China which, according to a statement made by the head of a Chilean economic mission last September in Peking, would like to increase its imports in those fields and also purchase other Chilean products.

## UAE, Austria conclude economic agreement

ABU DHABI, March 11, (R). — Austria and United Arab Emirates (UAE) today agreed to carry out joint projects in mining, electricity and agriculture under a technical and economic co-operation agreement signed here.

The five-year agreement, signed by Austrian Foreign Minister Dr. Erich Bielka, also provides for the setting up of a permanent commission which would meet regularly to follow up its implementation.

It also provides for Austrian-UAE co-operation in carrying out development projects in third world countries.

Mr. Bielka, who is in the course of a Gulf tour, was joined in his talks here by a group of 20 Austrian industrialists especially invited to discuss ways of expanding co-operation between the two countries.

The Austrian Foreign Minister has already visited Qatar and was due to visit Oman after the UAE.

## India faces immense challenges to feed

NEW DELHI, Mar. 11, (R). — India's rulers face a staggering task to make food production keep pace with a population which has grown from 350 millions in 1950 to 600 millions in 1975.

Projections are for 1,000 million Indians by the turn of the century, meaning that India would have to produce more than 200 million tons of grains to feed itself even to the present levels of consumption.

Food and Agriculture Minister Jagjivan Ram estimated recently that it would cost the country 36,000 million rupees (£ 2,000 million) to irrigate an additional five million hectares (12.3 million acres) and that the World Bank had been approached for help.

Mr. K. L. Rao, formerly Irrigation and Power Minister and Chairman of the United Nations Committee on Natural Resources, reckons that irrigated land would have to be doubled if production is to top 200 million tons.

There is a line in the scriptures which Hindus often use in their prayers—"May the rains come in season, may the earth spring with vegetation."

From times immemorial, Indians have associated the decline of morality in the country with droughts and famines and in more recent times a Finance Minister is reported to have re-

## OECD stresses caution over economic recovery

PARIS, March 11 (AFP). — Most members of the 24 nation Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) agreed today that caution is needed in stimulating economic recovery.

Senior officials meeting in the OECD economic policy committee on the whole agreed that excessive support for economic growth must be avoided because it could trigger a new bout of inflation or a boom followed by yet another recession, reliable sources said.

However, they stressed that there were differing views among the 24 delegations. Some still had doubts as to whether economic recovery has really started.

And representatives of some countries where activity has picked up — including France — were said to have voiced fears that the recovery might fizzle out during the second half of this year.

A question that seemed to be a common concern of all OECD countries, delegates said, was whether the recovery would continue next year or whether the real problem might not turn out to be that of preventing economic overheating.

Reliable sources also said several member countries had made it clear at the meeting which started Tuesday, that they disagree with forecasts on their economic prospects worked out by the OECD Secretariat.

The Secretariat was conse-

## IMF to finance some of Egypt's economic projects

CAIRO, (JNA). — Economic talks between the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Egyptian government started here Wednesday morning. Discussions centred on consolidating existing cooperation between the Fund and Egypt besides studying the possibility of Egypt's obtaining new facilities from the Fund to finance several projects of its five year plan.

marked that his budgets were a gamble on the monsoon. Despite the phenomenal growth in India's foodgrains production from 50 million tons at independence in 1947 to an estimated 115 million tons in 1975-76, the country's agriculture is still largely dependent on the vagaries of the monsoon. So it was that the country which proudly denounced food imports, mainly on subsidised terms from the United States, and talked of becoming a grain exporter in 1971 after a record 108 million tons harvest had to fall back on imports the very next year.

Droughts and floods have become a vicious circle that Indian planners have not been able to break. Only about 26 per cent of the 161 million hectares (397 million acres) of cultivated land in India is irrigated to some 15 per cent of time of independent expenditure of about million rupees (£ 4.72). It would still be a moment if food production 115 million tons in 1975-76, the country would produce about enough for itself for the first time in history on the basis of level of consumption. But observers are more about the future me already venturing the prospect of the 21st turning out to be a year famine" for India that may be an event.

Work is pushing all ways of increasing food production with considerable

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market turned mostly easier Thursday after a session. At 15:00 the F.T. Index was down 0.1 at 414.0. Government bonds opened easier with the weak sterling and later ruled irregular to close up to 5/8 point among longs and about 3/8 easier in shorts.

Leading industrials turned narrowly mixed to easier close with prices generally a few pence either way. Oils eased after a firm start with results from U.P. and Shell announced. Banks were also lower on balance, added. Properties eased further on news of the completion of amalgamated Investment and Property.

Mines and Australians were off the top by the close a generally firm session.



**PLASTIC NUCLEAR SHIELD.** — Protecting the eyes from the brilliant flare from this powerful gun is a simple task for the British-developed plastic in these goggles — they are capable of shielding the eyes from the destructive blast of a nuclear explosion. The new material is in the form of a photochromic transparent plastic plate containing a dispersion of a complex organic compound. Exposed to a bright flash of light it responds in less than one millionth of a second, absorbing more than 99 per cent of the flash as it turns inky black before recovering to its original clear state in about half a second.



# Washington Islamic Center plans bicentennial events



100,000 new tiles were installed in the Islamic Center in Washington D.C. Here Mr. Mahmut Akok explains the floral design.

WASHINGTON — The Washington Islamic Center is curating events to mark the bicentennial of the American Revolution, according to Dr. Rauf.

The director is currently conferring with the Libyan artist Ali Al-Romais regarding another aspect of the center's planned Bicentennial display. He said it will be an exhibit showcasing photographic reproductions of architecture and art works from India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia and Turkey.

He recalled that the center had also lent a prayer rug and

two valuable manuscripts of the Koran to Washington's Smithsonian Institution for display during the Bicentennial.

Currently at the center, Islamic contributions to world civilization are being spotlighted in a lecture course for Washington audiences.

The Islamic civilization course and lectures program began in October and feature addresses by prominent scholars from the United States and Canada.

Dr. Rauf noted that the objective of the program is "to inform the general public—Muslims and non-Muslims—of the current conditions of the countries of the Islamic World and of the contributions of these countries to human civilization in general."

Initially offered in 1974, the

series includes addresses by diplomatic representatives of Islamic countries. Dr. Rauf said these presentations usually feature cultural films, and guests are treated to national dishes of the country represented. After all speeches, there is a question and answer session, he noted.

The pre-eminent role of literary expression in Arab heritage was highlighted in a recent lecture by Dr. John Ruedy, chairman of the Arab studies program at Georgetown University.

"The Arabs sought truth and beauty and expression in many media—music, decorative arts, architecture—but more than anything else Arab society traditionally was a verbal society," Dr. Ruedy said.

Literary art is "by far the most important art" that the Arab has contributed to world civilization, he observed in his address on "The Humanism and

Poetry in Arab Traditions."

"While there is some very delightful prose in Arabic literature," he continued, "every Arab, I think, would agree that the most beautiful and timeless aspect of his literature by far is his poetry."

The Professor traced the development of Arabic poetry from its beginnings in early Bedouin society through the High Middle Ages, and read English translations of selected works.

Earlier lecture topics in the program, held Saturday evenings, have focused on "Islam and Science", "Religion and Society", "Sufism", "Unity in Islam", and "America's Stake in the Middle East."

The speakers have included Dr. Deborah Wolfe, professor of education at the City University of New York; Dr. Qadir Beg, University of Toronto, Canada; Dr. Mohammad Jawad Chirri, Director of the Islamic Center, Detroit, Michigan; and Dr. John Davis, Chairman of the Board, American Near East Refugee Aid, Washington.

Among the embassies participating in the series were Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Pakistan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, and Tunisia.



MEDALS OF DIFFERENT METAL. — American speedskater Sheila Young proudly displays the three medals she won at the Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria. The 25-year-old native of Detroit (Michigan) won a Gold in the 500-meter, a Silver in the 1500-meter and a bronze in the 1,000-meter events. She became the first American to win three medals in a Winter Olympics.

## Safer aircraft landings ahead

A new instrument landing system (ILS) for aircraft to enable them to touch down even in dense fog has been developed for use in the future. Plessey Navoids, the company which has produced it, has worked in consultation with government departments in Britain. The system is intended to replace the present ILS used in large international airfields in many parts of the world and it will be called a microwave landing system (MLS).

The principle of guidance is more or less the same — a radio beam is emitted from near the ground and the pilot locks his aircraft on to the beam and flies down it to land on the unseen runway. The existing ILS uses wavelengths of about 3m and the pilot starts to use it when he is 24-30 km from touch down.

Provided that the airfield is uniformly flat and free of obstacles that would bend the beam out of position there is nothing wrong with ILS at the present air traffic density — but it cannot operate with certainty if there is sloping ground or there are buildings and vehicles, and so on, to interfere with it.

Furthermore, at each wavelength there is a limited bandwidth. This means that as each airport must have its own distinct frequency (because, at the

power used, one airport ILS system can be read at another

100 km away) there are only some 40 channels available. In addition the aircraft has to lock on to a very narrow beam in a straight line with the runway, which means that all aircraft noise is concentrated over the same places.

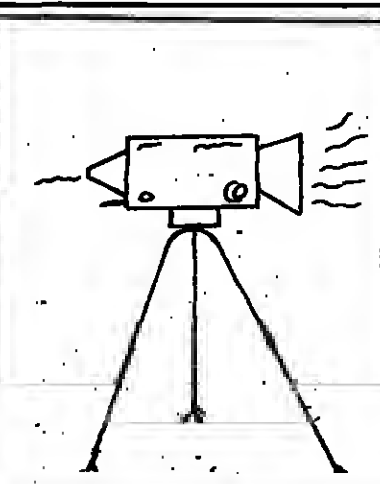
The new system uses microwaves of wavelengths of about 6 cm (frequency 5000 to 5250 megahertz). This provides some 200 usable channels. That is the first advantage. The transmitting array is much smaller and any one system cannot interfere with another unless it is very near indeed. The method is such that a larger sector of the airspace is covered, so an aircraft can come in on a curved path until within a comparatively short distance of the runway.

This spreads the noise nuisance, making it less frequent over one area, and it permits a higher density of traffic because there is no need for stacking — that is, cruising around until each aircraft is allowed to descend. The pilot can descend at a steeper angle, which enables short takeoff and landing (STOL) and vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) aircraft to make use of the system.

The Plessey system claims several advantages over others. It is simpler and more exact in use because of the sophistication of the design — and it should be cheaper as well. It "illuminates" a wide cone of airspace and any pilot who gets into it can tell at once at what angle he is with the runway course.



Here is a close up of the stylised flower patterns of the roses, tulips and carnations in the Washington Islamic Centre's Mosque.



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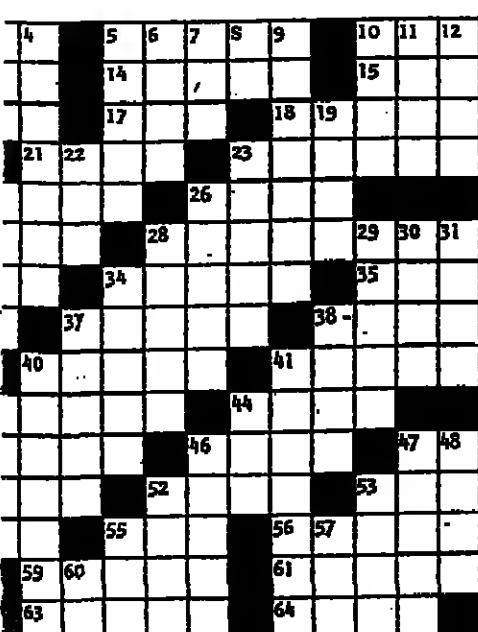
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### ACROSS

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- 5 Poker play
- 10 The affirmative side
- 13 Ladder, Ital.
- 14 "Scratch a —, find a foe"
- 15 — down (squeeze)
- 16 Hot
- 17 Hummingbird
- 18 Grenoble's river
- 20 Flu shot, for one: Abbr.
- 21 Father —
- 23 Step up
- 24 King: Ital.
- 25 Working rules
- 26 Musical instrument feature
- 27 Berrett the gossip
- 28 Be in a brown study
- 32 Followed by 58 Across, volcanic mountain
- 34 Anka and Robeson
- 35 FDR Agency
- 36 " — a Rose"
- 37 In — (straight): 2 wds.
- 38 Zero hour
- 39 " — nation indivisible . . ."

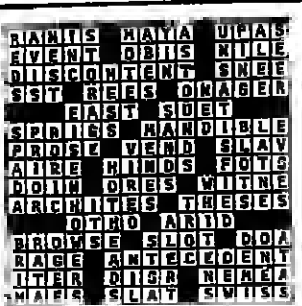
- 40 On the ball
- 41 Stadium features
- 42 All-American gift: Full name
- 44 Hatfield of the theatre
- 45 Baby barracuda
- 46 Piano piece
- 47 Top NCO
- 48 Advertising medium
- 49 Quilpeters: Slang
- 53 School group: Abbr.
- 54 Folds of the piano
- 55 Playmate
- 56 Israeli war hero
- 58 See 32 Across
- 59 Ceter to
- 61 Type of wrestling: 2 wds.
- 62 Nettle
- 63 A Brontë
- 64 River of Belgium

### DOWN

- 1 The Stone of —
- 2 Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 3 Yore of yore
- 4 Beach where the races are
- 5 Accuse

- 6 What makes the world go 'round
- 7 Pulp fruit
- 8 Symbol for iron
- 9 " — are born, not made"
- 10 School for college hopefuls
- 11 Steak order
- 12 Augury
- 13 The poke: Slang
- 19 Soothsayer
- 22 Eddie Cantor's missus
- 23 Holmes creator
- 25 Rabbit fur
- 26 Ruffle one's feathers
- 27 Crowned head
- 28 Kind of maid
- 29 Done with
- 30 Sandarac tree
- 31 Slugger Willie —
- 32 Not in the — (Indisposed)
- 33 — domini
- 34 Kilt feature
- 37 White poplar
- 38 Wash-day problem
- 40 Malign
- 41 Miss Weld

- 43 Ratio words
- 44 Bear —
- 45 Hang about
- 47 Up and down unit
- 48 "Der Zauberberg" author
- 49 Hawaiian precipice
- 50 — about: 2 wds.
- 51 Where Wounded Knee is: Abbr.
- 52 Emulate a banshee
- 53 Gomer or Ernie
- 55 Taro root food
- 57 Hirt and Capp
- 60 Sign of the time: Abbr.



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## French franc gets support Speculation eases as sterling gains

LONDON, March 11, (AFP). — Speculators began beating the retreat as sterling recovered late today after a "show of force" by the Bank of England and a firm statement by Prime Minister Harold Wilson that he was determined to defend the pound's value abroad and at home.

Sterling had regained two and a half cents against the U.S. dollar compared with the opening rates by 15:00 GMT. But earlier it hit lows on continental markets where the French franc remained under pressure, requiring massive support in Paris and Frankfurt.

In Zurich the market remained tense most of the day as operators exchanged sterling, French francs and most other currencies, including "hard" ones like Dutch guilders and Deutsche marks, into Swiss francs.

Dealers said they were hurrying to hedge against possible weekend measures by monetary authorities. In Paris there were rumours at the stock exchange that the French government might re-introduce foreign exchange controls and a two-tier market.

In London, sterling recovered to 1.9330 against the dollar by mid-afternoon, two cents up on last night's closing price and two and a half cents better than the worst levels of the morning, when the Bank of England stepped into the market, passing the word around that "enough is enough."

The bank's intervention, following its spending of \$200 million just before the market closed overnight, appeared to have reversed the trend, dealers said. They said there had been a "real" flow-back of capital into London.

"Some speculators who sold sterling down have now realised the rate has gone as far as it can and are moving back in to take their profits," one dealer said.

In Zurich, where demand for Swiss francs eased off after the interventions by the British central bank, dealers said the bank's vigorous action had eased pressure against the French franc and forced many operators to cover their positions by moving back into sterling.

In Frankfurt sterling hit a new low against the D-mark,

being quoted at 4.935 against 4.963 yesterday. In Brussels it was quoted at 75.9675 Belgian francs, its lowest yet.

Frankfurt dealers said the West German Bundesbank intervened to the tune of 500 million D-marks to keep the French franc off its floor against the D-mark inside the European "snake" or joint float. They said the franc went down to its floor of 0.5668 at the official fixing, against its previous 0.56685, but required no further support.

In Paris, the Banque de France was reported to have supported the franc "massively" but no figures were given. In Rome, the Italian Lira, stable for three days, plunged further today.

For the first time, the U.S. dollar rose above the 800 lire level. It closed at 805 lire against 798.20 yesterday. A sharp firming up of the dollar was reported on all continental markets.

The condemned men were ordered to be executed "immediately."

Apparent coup leader Lieut. Col. Bukar Dimka was not listed among the guilty and a government source said that hearing of his case was still underway.

The total number of arrests following the coup was given as 125 of which 40 have already been released.

The leader of the coup, Lieutenant Colonel B. S. Dimka, was today presented to members of the press.

A taperecording of his interrogation was played before the assembled journalists and the handcuffed officer.

He made a statement saying the recording was of his own voice and his confession was not made under duress. He was then led away.

The officials said that Romania has surrendered to the Arab boycott of Israel.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Barlev will discuss Romania's decision today with a visiting delegation headed by Foreign Trade Secretary of State Nicolae M. Nicolae, the officials said.

Mr Nicolae said on arrival on Tuesday that Romania, the only East European country with diplomatic relations with Israel, wished to expand trade ties with it.

Israeli government officials said Romania had told them it would not renew its contract on July 1 providing for its oil shipments from the Gulf to be sent through the pipeline from Eilat on the Aqaba Gulf to Askalan, on the Mediterranean coast.

Instead, Romania would use the Suez Canal and the new Egyptian pipeline from the Gulf of Suez to Alexandria, due for completion in December.

The Romanians, who have shipped oil through the pipeline for several years, halted it ab-

Spain's opposition fears backlash

(Continued from page 1)

The opposition fears that the clashes will bring a right wing army backlash and restore the repressive system of the Franco era.

Spain's 300,000-strong armed forces have been shaken by the crisis of change following nearly 40 years of iron rule by General Franco.

Tension eased in the northern Basque country after strikes protesting the death of four workers shot by riot police in Vitoria.

A delegation from the Vitoria municipal council called on Prime Minister Carlos Arias Navarro in Madrid today to discuss the aftermath of the riots and labour disputes.

Members of the group gave chase and finally opened fire, killing the officer and wounding the driver.

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